

## **For Immediate release**

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### **Jerwood Gallery wins go-ahead in Hastings**

*The Jerwood Foundation last night gained planning permission for the new Jerwood Gallery on the Stade in Hastings. The £4m project will become a permanent home to the Jerwood Foundation's substantial collection of 20th and 21st Century British art, and a new regional venue for the Jerwood Visual Arts programme of contemporary arts.*

*The Jerwood Gallery will form part of the redevelopment of a coach and lorry park by Hastings Borough Council, which will include a major new public space, community facilities and a new café. The other elements of this masterplan also won planning permission last night and will be funded by HBC, a grant from the CABE Sea Change fund, and SEEDA. The development is estimated to bring around £9m a year into the local economy and create over 90 jobs.*

*The proposal won the unanimous support of the Hastings Borough Council planning committee, and was praised by councillors for its contemporary design within the historic context of the Old Town. The gallery has been designed by HAT Projects, while the new public space and community facilities have been designed by Tim Ronalds Architects.*

*As well as gallery space, the building will contain a sculpture courtyard, education space, a small first-floor cafe with terrace, a research and archive facility, and offices and support space. Jerwood has said that it wants the gallery to demonstrate leadership in terms of environmental sustainability, and the building is projected to cut carbon emissions by around 40% compared to a conventional building.*

*Alan Grieve, Chairman of the Jerwood Foundation, said :- "We are delighted that the Jerwood Gallery has gained planning permission. We now look forward to realising the project and creating a wonderful new facility for audiences in Hastings and beyond.*

*"The Stade is a historic and important site, and our team has worked hard to respond sensitively to this context while creating a distinctive and strong design. We are immensely grateful for all the local support that we have received and look forward to our continued relationship with the communities of Hastings. "*

*Kevin Boorman of Hastings Borough Council said:- "This is fantastic news for Hastings, for residents and visitors alike. The developments on the Stade will provide a major boost to the town's visitor economy, as well as providing much-needed jobs for local people.*

*"We were overwhelmed by the very positive public response we've received to the plans, and we now look forward to turn the vision into reality."*

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### **Notes for editors**

1. Visualisations of the proposals are available on request.

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